

A PREVIOUS VALID SPECIFIC EPITHET FOR  
*GELASINE AZUREA* (IRIDACEAE)

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ABSTRACT. A previous valid epithet for *Gelasine azurea* Herbert (1840) is recognized in *Ferraria elongata* R. Graham (1830). The new combination *Gelasine elongata* (R. Grah.) Ravenna, is therefore established.

Herbert (1840) proposed the genus *Gelasine*, with *G. azurea* Herb. as the type. This binomial has been used since then in several papers up to the present (Ravenna 1965, 1984, Kenton & Rudall 1987). However, an antedating, valid epithet in *Ferraria*, *F. elongata* R. Grah. had been designed to the same species. A transference is therefore needed.

*GELASINE ELONGATA* (R. Grah.) Ravenna, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Ferraria elongata*, Edinb. N Phil. J 1830: 173.  
Syn.: *Gelasine azurea* Herbert, Curtis's Bot. Mag. 66: tab. 3779, 1840.- *Herbertia stricta* Grisebach, Goett. Abhandl. 24: 324, 1879.- *Alophia stricta* (Gris.) Kuntze, Rev. Gen. Pl. 3 (2): 304, 1898.

According to R. Graham, a bulb of this species had been sent to Mr. McNeill by Tweedie, from Buenos Aires. Its description leaves no doubt about the actual identity of the species.

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